GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:167
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2003
WATER CESS
JOACHIM BAXLA

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government and State Governments have agreed in principle to levy water cess to recover operational and maintenance costs ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) &(b) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 167 FOR 03.03 REGARDING WATER CESS RAISED BY SHRI JOACHIM BAXLA

(a) & (b) The Parliament enacted the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Cess Act, 1977, providing for levy of Water Cess from every person carrying on any specified industry and every local authority, to augment the resources of the Central and State Pollution Control Boards for the prevention and control of Water Pollution.Upto 80% of the Water Cess collection is reimbursed to the State Pollution Control Boards(SPCBs) for meeting their approved expenditure requirement and the balance 20% remains with the Central Government for undertaking specific projects in any part of the country through Central Pollution Control Board(CPCB)Of the amount reimbursed to the SPCBs,upto 25% can be utilized for office operations and establishment cost and the remaining amount on programmes and activities directly related to the prevention and control of pollution.